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VIVIAN BERT, et al.,	) (	Case No. C-1-02-00467
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v.	) I	PLAINTIFF MARNIE CARTER'S
	) I	RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT'S
AK STEEL CORPORATION,	) I	FIRST REQUEST FOR THE
	) I	PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
Defendant.	)	
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#### **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

- 1. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they seek information or documents protected from discovery and/or disclosure by the attorney/client privilege, the work product doctrine, or any other applicable privilege.
- 2. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they seek information or documents neither material nor relevant to the claims or defenses of this action nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 3. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they are overly broad and/or unduly burdensome.
- 4. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they are so vague and ambiguous as to be incapable of a definite response.
- 5. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they seek confidential or proprietary information or documents. Notwithstanding this objection, the Plaintiff agrees to provide, if any exist, as more fully set forth below, such information or documents subject to the terms of a mutually agreeable protective order to be entered in this action.
- 6. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they call for conclusions of law.
- 7. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they seek and/or require the production of documents which are not in the Plaintiff's possession, custody, or control.
- 8. The Plaintiff objects to the time and place of production for documents specified in these

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- 9. The Plaintiff objects to the definitions and instructions in the discovery requests to the extent they seek to require the Defendant to comply with requirements beyond the scope of or impose burdens, duties and obligations in excess of or different from those imposed by applicable law and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 10. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they seek to discover "core" work product, including the disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, and/or legal theories of attorneys or other representatives of Plaintiff and/or the substance of information developed by them (i.e., interpretive, not investigatory) in preparation for the trial of this action.
- 11. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent that the information sought, if any, was obtained and prepared in anticipation of litigation, and the Plaintiff has not made the required showing of substantial need for the information or that the substantial equivalent of such information is unobtainable by other means. The Plaintiff further objects to these discovery requests to the extent that the information called for, if any, is privileged and is not discoverable under FRCP 26(b)(3) and *Hickman v. Taylor*, 329 U.S. 495 (1947).
- 12. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they seek information that is equally available to the Defendant, and the burden on the Defendant to obtain the requested information is no greater than the burden on the Plaintiff.
- 13. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent they seek information or documents relating to expert witnesses, witnesses, and trial exhibits in excess of the disclosure duties imposed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Orders relating to such matters.
- 14. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they seek information regarding matters which are not at issue in this action.
- 15. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they do not, on their face, restrict themselves either to an identifiable time or a reasonable, rationally-based time frame.
- 16. The Plaintiff objects to these discovery requests to the extent that they are oppressive, i.e., designed to create an unreasonable burden on the Plaintiff which burden is not commensurate with the professed result sought.
- 17. Except as otherwise indicated, the Plaintiff incorporates the General Objections into each

and every response set forth below. By responding to any of the discovery requests, the Plaintiff does not waive any of the foregoing General Objections.

Plaintiff responds to Defendant's requests for the production of the following documents:

Request No. 1: Produce all documents that refer to, reflect, comment on, or tend to prove or disprove any of the contentions in the Complaint or the Answer.

Specific Objection to Request No. 1: Plaintiff objects to the extent this request is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad. Plaintiff further objects to the extent that this request seeks information or documents protected from discovery and/or disclosure by the attorney/client privilege, the work product doctrine, or any other applicable privilege. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce all non-privileged responsive documents.

Request No. 2: Produce all documents that you believe support your claim for damages, or which reflect, comment on, or tend to prove or disprove such claims.

Specific Objection to Request No. 2: Plaintiff objects to the extent this request is vague, ambiguous, and overly broad. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce all non-privileged responsive documents.

Request No. 3: Produce any diary, journal, or calendar of appointments, or notes that you have maintained since January 1, 1998.

Specific Objection to Request No. 3: Plaintiff objects to the extent that this request is overly broad and/or unduly burdensome. Plaintiff also objects to the extent that this request seeks information that is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce any diary, journal, or calendar of appointments that Plaintiff has maintained since January 1, 1998 that relate to the claims or defenses in this case.

Request No. 4: Produce all documents provided to or obtained from Defendant.

Specific Objection to Request No. 4: Plaintiff objects to the extent that this request is overly broad and/or unduly burdensome. Plaintiff further objects to the extent that this request seeks information that is equally available to the Defendant, and the burden on the Defendant to obtain the requested information is no greater than the burden on the Plaintiff. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce all non-privileged responsive documents.

Request No. 5: Produce all of your medical or psychological records since January 1, 1998.

Specific Objection to Request No. 5: Plaintiff objects to this Request to the extent that the information sought is confidential and/or privileged.

Request No. 6: Produce all documents that refer to, reflect, or comment on any criminal proceeding in which in which you have been either arrested or convicted during the past 10 years.

Specific Objection to Request No. 6: Plaintiff objects to this Request to the extent that the information sought is confidential and/or privileged. Plaintiff further objects that the information is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Request No. 7: Produce your federal income tax returns and any W-2s or Form 1099s for each tax year beginning in 1999.

Specific Objection to Request No. 7: Plaintiff objects to this request to the extent that it is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Plaintiff further objects to this Request to the extent the information sought is confidential and/or privileged. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce Plaintiff's W-2s or Form 1099s for 1999, 2000, and 2001.

Request No. 8: Produce any documents that you sent to or received from the EEOC, OCRC, or any other state agency with the power to investigate charges of discrimination.

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce all non-privileged responsive documents.

Request No. 9: Produce any resume or other listing of your qualifications for employment you have prepared or had prepared for you since January 1, 1998.

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce all non-privileged responsive documents.

Request No. 10: Produce any document by which you sought employment from any employer from January 1, 1998 to date.

Specific Objection to Request No. 10: Plaintiff objects to the extent this request is vague and ambiguous. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce all non-privileged responsive documents.

**Request No. 11**: Produce any document by which you claim you requested employment from AK Steel Corporation.

<u>Specific Objection to Request No. 11</u>: Plaintiff objects to the extent this request is vague and ambiguous. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

**RESPONSE:** Plaintiff will produce all non-privileged responsive documents.

Respectfully submitted this 276 day of November, 2002.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Plaintiffs' Responses to Defendant's First Set of Requests for Production of Documents was served via first-class mail, postage prepaid, upon:

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Gregory Parker Rogers
Roger A. Weber
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3957

This is the  $27^{6L}$  day of November, 2002.

Attorney for Plaintiffs

## Case 1:02-cv-00APPERCATION FOR 1EMPLOY ENTENDOS

### **AK Steel Corporation**



AK Steel Corporation is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and as such meets all government regulations pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunity.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate, and I authorize AK Steel to verify it. I specifically authorize AK Steel Corporation to obtain information from my former employers and other references, and I authorize my former employers and other references to release information to AK Steel Corporation.

I agree that any false or misleading statement in this application for employment or any additional forms signed by me in connection with my employment shall be sufficient cause for refusal or termination of employment.

I understand that this application is not and is not intended to be a contract of employment. I agree to submit to a physical examination applicable to the requirements of the type of work for which I am applying, including drug and alcohol abuse screening.

Signature of Applicant Manne S Carter

Application received by/Date received

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#### CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION MARNIE CARTER PAGE 1

#### I. Overview of Individual and Class Allegations

AK Steel Corporation has discriminated and continues to discriminate against me in the terms and conditions of my application for employment with them on the basis of my race, African-American, by denying me the opportunity to be hired while hiring equally or less qualified white employees and subjecting me to a racially hostile application process and other forms of discrimination. I believe that AK Steel Corporation's actions are part of a continuing pattern and practice of discrimination against African-American applicants for employment and employees, including but not limited to, denying applicants hiring opportunities while providing such opportunities to equally or less qualified white applicants and subjecting them to a racially hostile application process.

#### II. Statement of Facts

I applied to AK Steel in approximately January 2002 for a general labor position at their plant in Ashland, Kentucky. My work experience includes serving as a Forklift Operator at Ironton Iron Intermit, so I thought that I was well qualified to work in this capacity. In addition, I have no felony convictions and am drug-free. I found out about the position at a career fair in Portsmouth, Ohio at the Elks Club. An AK Steel representative there gave me an application, which I submitted at the AK Steel plant. A week later, they called to schedule me for a test given in the basement of the plant. The test asked logic, math, and general questions. I found the test to be relatively challenging and wondered why they were asking a lot of the questions because, based on my experience at Ironton Iron Intermit, much of the material tested seemed irrelevant to working in general labor. I thought that I did medium on it, well enough to have achieved a passing score. Approximately a week and a half later, I spoke with Susan Lester, an AK recruiter, on the phone. She told me that I had failed the test and refused to answer my questions or provide any further information about it.

#### III. Statement of Discrimination

I believe that AK Steel Corporation has discriminated against me and continues to discriminate against me in the terms and conditions of my applications for employment with them on the basis of my race, African-American, in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, because white applicants with fewer qualifications than me have been hired and I have not, and because I have been subjected to a racially hostile application process and other forms of discrimination and denied the right to apply for work in an environment free of racial discrimination.

#### CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION MARNIE CARTER PAGE 2

I have been adversely affected by these discriminatory practices by being deprived of the equal opportunity to be hired. Such discrimination denies me and other African-Americans the right to be hired for positions for which we are qualified.

This systemic discrimination also adversely affects the status of African-Americans as employees by promoting and reinforcing racial stereotypes and bias in hiring.

## IV. Statement of Classwide Discrimination on the Basis of Race

Based on my experiences, I believe that AK Steel Corporation has engaged and continues to engage in a pattern and practice of discrimination against its African-American applicants for employment and employees that denies them equal employment opportunities in ways including but not limited to the following: denying them hiring opportunities while providing such opportunities to equally or less qualified white employees and subjecting them to a racially hostile application process and work environment in which few other African-Americans are employed. This policy violates Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000(e), et seq.

I believe this policy has effected a class of black persons comprised of all past, present and future black applicants for employment with AK Steel. I believe that these discriminatory practices occur throughout AK Steel Corporation. I make this charge on behalf of myself and all similarly situated African-American applicants for employment and employees.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Charging Party (signature)

#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

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VIVIAN BERT, et al.,	) M. (	CARTER 8.15.07
Plaintiffs,	) '	
<b>v.</b>	) Case No. C-1-02-467 ) Judge Beckwith	
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## PLAINTIFFS' INITIAL DISCLOSURES

Plaintiffs, through their counsel, submit the following disclosures pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

1. The name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information relevant to disputed facts alleged with particularity in the pleading identifying the subjects of the information.

Lay Witnesses: See Attachment A.

Additional witnesses may include any of the Defendant's hiring personnel, management, or any other employees who have otherwise witnessed the violations alleged in Plaintiffs' complaint. Discovery is continuing and ongoing and Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement this response as additional facts become available.

Expert Witnesses: At this time, expert witnesses are not identified. Plaintiffs' counsel will provide information pursuant to the Case Management Order in this case.

2. A copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to disputed facts alleged with particularity in the pleadings.

See Attachment B.

Additional supporting documentation may include documentation in the possession of Defendants. Such documents may include any personnel files, postings, bids, manuals, notices, agreements, or other writings documenting the Plaintiffs' and putative class members' employment, applications for employment, and/or opportunities for advancement or lack thereof and Defendants' policies on discrimination and harassment.

Plaintiffs objects to the production of any documents which are protected by the attorneyclient privilege or the work-product doctrine. Discovery is continuing and ongoing and Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement this response as additional facts become available.

3. A computation of any category of damages claimed by the disclosing party, making available for inspection and copying as under Rule 34 the documents or other evidentiary material, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered.

The actual nominal and punitive damage amounts are currently unknown and will be determined at a later date. This response will be supplemented as further information becomes available. In determining the amount of Plaintiffs' damages, Plaintiffs may need to rely upon information in the possession of the Defendant to be obtained during discovery, as well as the opinion of an expert or experts.

4. For inspection and copying as under Rule 34 any insurance agreement under

which any person carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment which may be entered in the action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment.

Not applicable to Plaintiffs.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of February, 2003.

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which any person carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment which may be entered in the action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment.

Not applicable to Plaintiffs.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of February, 2003.

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#### ATTACHMENT A

#### Lay Witness Testimony:1

- Vivian Bert
  - Donna Phillips
     Oklahoma Department of Transportation
     200 N. E. 21st Street
     Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Phillips may have knowledge of Bert's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

b) Clyde W. Thomas
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
200 N. E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Thomas may have knowledge of Bert's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

2. Thaddeus Freeman

None at this time.

- 3. Darrell Carter
  - a) Mark Collins 223 9th Street Ashland, KY 4110

Collins may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel. He also may have knowledge of Carter's character, qualifications, and level of experience.

b) Susan Lester
AK Steel, HR Manager
P.O. Box 191
Ashland, KY 41105

Witnesses are listed according to the Plaintiff to whose claims they are believed to be most directly relevant. Plaintiffs reserve the right to take the position that such testimony is relevant to the claims of other Plaintiffs and/or the claims of the putative class.

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Lester, an employee of the Defendant, may have information regarding Carter's application for employment with the AK Steel. Lester may also have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel.

- c) Darlene Denise Carter 908 South 8th St. Ironton, OH 45638
- D. Carter may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel. He also may have knowledge of Carter's character, qualifications, and level of experience.
- d) Marnie Carter 908 South 8th St. Ironton, OH 45638
- M. Carter may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel. She also may have knowledge of Carter's character, qualifications, and level of experience.
- 4. Edward James Lewis
  - a) Allen Roberts
    P.O. Box 552
    Middletown, OH 45044

Roberts may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring, promotions, training, and terms and conditions of employment at AK Steel. He also has knowledge of Lewis's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

5. Timothy Oliphant

None at this time.

Mary Harris

None at this time.

Roderique Russell

None at this time.

8. Kay Jackson

a) Brooks Carmichael Jackson
 1223 Winifred St.
 Greenup, KY 41144

B. Jackson may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring, promotions, training, and terms and conditions of employment at AK Steel. He also has knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

b) Roger Grundman, Jr.
Tenneco Packaging
18 Peck Avenue
P.O. Box 148
Glens Falls, New York 12801-0148

Grundman may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

c) Mimi Louiso
Tenneco Packaging
9960 Raquet Club Lane
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Louiso may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

d) Gary Hamm Tenneco Packaging/AVI 300 Harris Road Wurtland, KY 41144

Hamm may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

e) Jackie Smith
Tenneco Packaging/AVI
300 Harris Road
Wurtland, KY 41144

Smith may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

f) Garry R. Lewis
Tenneco Packaging/AVI

300 Harris Road Wurtland, KY 41144

Lewis may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

#### 9. Marnie Carter

a) Darrell Carter
901 South 7th St.
Ironton, OH 45638

Carter may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel. He also may have knowledge of Carter's character, qualifications, and level of experience.

b) Darlene Denise Carter 908 South 8<sup>th</sup> St. Ironton, OH 45638

D. Carter may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel. She also may have knowledge of Carter's character, qualifications, and level of experience.

c) Susan Lester
AK Steel, HR Manager
P.O. Box 191
Ashland, KY 41105

Lester, an employee of the Defendant, may have information regarding Carter's application for employment with the AK Steel. Lester may also have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel.

#### 10. Darlene Denise Carter

a) Darrell Carter 901 South 7th St. Ironton, OH 45638

Carter may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel. He also may have knowledge of Carter's character, qualifications, and level of experience.

b) Marnie Carter 908 South 8th St.

M. Carter may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel. She also may have knowledge of Carter's character, qualifications, and level of experience.

c) Susan Lester
AK Steel, HR Manager
P.O. Box 191
Ashland, KY 41105

Lester, an employee of the Defendant, may have information regarding Carter's application for employment with the AK Steel. Lester may also have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel.

#### Dwight Lewis

FROM

a) Susan Lester
AK Steel, HR Manager
P.O. Box 191
Ashland, KY 41105

Lester, an employee of the Defendant, may have information regarding Lewis's application for employment with the AK Steel. Lester may also have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel.

#### 12. Michael Miller

a) Jessica Hicks

Hicks, an employee of the Defendant, may have information regarding Miller's application for employment with the AK Steel. Hicks may also have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel.

b) Ella Moreland Heidelberg Web Systems 4900 Webster Street Dayton, Ohio 45414

Moreland may have knowledge of Miller's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

#### 13. Ronald Sloan

a) Jessica Hicks

Hicks, an employee of the Defendant, may have information regarding Sloan's application for employment with the AK Steel. Hicks may also have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel.

14. Donald Edwards

None at this time.

Shawn Pryor

None at this time.

- Tiffany Jackson
  - a) Rodney Cosby
     1202 Winifred St.
     Greenup, KY 41144

Cosby may have information regarding race discrimination in hiring, promotions, training, and terms and conditions of employment at AK Steel. He also has knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

b) Susan Lester
AK Steel, HR Manager
P.O. Box 191
Ashland, KY 41105

Lester, an employee of the Defendant, may have information regarding Jackson's application for employment with the AK Steel. Lester may also have information regarding race discrimination in hiring at AK Steel.

c) Pat Amitrano
Department of Puclic Works
11 Wurtz Avenue
Utica, NY 13502

Amitrano may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

d) James Mack
 User Friendly Software Systems

239 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13502

Mack may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

e) Brian Boyle
Liebert Corporation
3040 South 9th Street
Ironton, OH 45638

Boyle may have knowledge of Jackson's character, qualifications, level of experience, and job performance.

#### 17. Allen Roberts

None at this time.

#### FROM

#### **ATTACHMENT B**

#### 1. Vivian Bert

Tax returns from 1999, 2000, and 2001 Resume EEOC Charge Job application Notebook

#### 2. Thaddeus Freeman

Tax returns from 1999, 2000 and 2001 EEOC Charge Correspondence related to EEOC charge Resume

#### 3. Darrell Carter

None at this time.

#### 4. Edward James Lewis

None at this time.

#### 5. Timothy Oliphant

None at this time.

#### 6. Mary Harris

Tax returns from 1999, 2000 and 2001 EEOC Charge Resume

#### 7. Roderique Russell

None at this time.

#### 8. Kay Jackson

W2 Wage and Tax Statements 1999, 2000, 2001 EEOC Documents

FROM

Resume
Letters of Recommendation
Copies of prescriptions
Notice of Dismissal
Copy of high school diploma
Copy of application to Shawnee Medical Center

#### Marnie Carter

None at this time.

#### Darlene Denise Carter

None at this time.

#### 11. Dwight Lewis

Calender
Tax Returns 1999, 2000, 2001
Resume
EEOC Charge and related Documents

#### 12. Michael Miller

Tax Returns 2000, 2001
Resume
Transcript, Sinclair Community College, Associate of Applied Science
Letter of Recommendation
EEOC Charge and related Documents
Work Force Reduction Notification, Heidelberg Web Systems

#### 13. Ronald Sloan

Tax Returns: 1999, 2000, 2001
EEOC charge
Resumes
Certificate of Discharge from Active Military Duty, Honorable
Certificate regarding Naval Training and Experience
cover letter
electronics certificate

#### . 14. Donald Edwards

None at this time.

#### 15. Shawn Pryor

W2 Wage and Tax Statements: 1999, 2000, 2001 High School Diploma Dipoloma, Miami University of Ohio, BA

#### 16. Tiffany Jackson

Tax Returns: 1999, 2000 and 2001
EEOC Charge and Related Documents
Resume
Calendar notes
Letters of reference
Paralegal certificate
Forklift certificate

#### 17. Allen Roberts

None at this time.\*

<sup>\*</sup>At present, Plaintiffs continue to review documents in the possession of Roberts and will supplement these initial disclosures as soon as practicable.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Plaintiffs' Initial Disclosures was served this 3rd day of February, 2003, via facsimile and first-class mail, postage prepaid, upon:

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

		EXHIBIT
VIVIAN BERT, et al.,	)	M. CARTER 5 8.15.07
Plaintiffs,	)	5 pmb
, <b>,</b>	)	
v.	)	CASE NO. C-1-02-467
	)	Judge Beckwith
AK STEEL CORPORATION,	)	Magistrate Judge Hogan
Defendant.	)	

# PLAINTIFF MARNIE CARTER'S RESPONSES TO DEFENDANT A. K. STEEL CORPORATION'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Comes now the Plaintiff, Marnie Carter, by and through her undersigned counsel of record and responds to the Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories as follows:

#### **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

- 1. The Plaintiff objects to the definitions and instructions accompanying these interrogatories to the extent that they seek to impose burdens, duties and obligations upon the Plaintiff in excess of or different from those imposed by applicable law and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; Plaintiff will respond in accordance with said law and rules.
- 2. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they seek information and/or documentation regarding matters about which the Defendant has knowledge but has failed to disclose, or so limited their responses to previous discovery of the Plaintiff, so as to in effect deny the Plaintiff the information requested and needed by them to answer these requests.
- 3. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they seek to discover "core" work product, including the disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, and/or legal theories of

attorneys or other representatives of the Plaintiff, rather than seeking this information from the Plaintiff.

- 4. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they seek information and/or documentation protected by the attorney-client privilege or any other applicable privilege.
- 5. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent that the Defendant is seeking to make them into a bill of particulars.
- 6. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they seek to require Plaintiff's counsel to present a "dress rehearsal" of the evidence to be submitted in the course of the proceedings. The mental impressions, legal theories, legal conclusions, and legal opinions of Plaintiff's counsel, as well as any communications between Plaintiff and her counsel, are clearly protected from discovery by the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine.
- 7. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent that the information and/or documentation sought, if any, was obtained and prepared in anticipation of litigation and the Defendants have not made the required showing of substantial need for the information and/or documentation or that the substantial equivalent of such information and/or documentation is unobtainable by other means. The Plaintiff further objects to these requests to the extent that the information and/or documentation called for, if any, is protected and is not discoverable under Rule 26(b)(3) of the Fed. R. Civ. P. and Hickman v. Taylor, 329 U.S. 495 (1947).
- 8. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent that they seek information and/or documentation that is equally available to the Defendant and the burden on the Defendant to obtain the requested information and/or documentation is no greater than the burden on the Plaintiff.
  - 9. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they exceed the requirements of Rules

- 10. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they seek information and/or documentation relating to expert witnesses, witnesses, and trial exhibits in excess of the disclosure duties imposed by the Fed. R. Civ. P. and the Court's Scheduling and Pretrial Orders relating to such matters.
- 11. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they require the Plaintiff to disclose "each and every" fact or piece of knowledge possessed by them as such a requirement is impossible to fulfill and is objectionably broad for failure to be "reasonably particularized".
- 12. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent they request duplicative and cumulative information and/or documentation heretofore disclosed in conjunction with discovery already undertaken by the Defendant in this action.
- 13. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent that they seek to require the Plaintiff's attorneys to divulge the substance of information and/or documentation developed by them (i.e., interpretive, not investigatory) in preparation for any hearing or trial in this action.
- 14. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent that they do not, on their face, restrict themselves either to an identifiable time or a reasonable, rationally-based time frame.
- 15. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent that they seek information and/or documentation from the Plaintiff regarding matters about which the Defendant has refused or objected to providing in their interrogatory or request for production responses.
- 16. The Plaintiff objects to these requests to the extent that they are oppressive, i.e., they were designed to create an unreasonable burden on the Plaintiff which burden is not commensurate with the professed result sought.

17. The Plaintiff objects to these interrogatories to the extent they seek answers to multiple interrogatories within a single interrogatory.

18. These requests are addressed to the Plaintiff and the responses herein are based on information and/or documentation presently available to the Plaintiff. Investigation is presently continuing, however, and additional information and/or documentation pertinent to these requests may well be disclosed as a result of such ongoing and continuing investigation.

Except as otherwise indicated, the Plaintiff incorporates the General Objections into each and every answer set forth below. Without waiving the foregoing objections, the Plaintiff answers as follows:

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Identify all litigation or legal proceedings in which you have been a witness or party, including the name and number of the case, the court or administrative agency for which the case was pending, and a brief description of the nature of the case, and the year in which the matter was pending.

SPECIFIC OBJECTION TO REQUEST: Plaintiff objects because this request does not seek relevant information or that information subject to production under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26, and thus, this request is unduly harassing, burdensome, and oppressive. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

ANSWER: Bert, et al, v. AK Steel

Case No.: 1:02-CV-00467 United States District Court

Southern District of Ohio (Cincinnati)

Nature of case: Race discrimination in hiring

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Identify all employers for whom you have worked since January 1, 2001, including the dates of employment, the positions held, amounts paid per week, and reason for

leaving, if applicable.

SPECIFIC OBJECTION TO REQUEST: Plaintiff objects because this request does not seek relevant information or that information subject to production under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26, and thus, this request is unduly harassing, burdensome, and oppressive. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

ANSWER: 9-5-02 to 1-13-03: Applied Card Systems as a collector, \$212.50 per week, they shut down the business;

4-9-04 to 8-1-04: Bryants Health Care as a Nurse Aide, \$536.00 bi-weekly, was laid off;

8-9-04 to 11-1-04: Oak Ridge Treatment Center as a Mental Health Specialist - \$250.00 per week; went back to Bryants Health Care.

11-1-04 to the Present: Bryants Health Care as a Nurse Aide - \$536.00 bi-weekly

INTERROGATORY NO.3: Identify all employers to whom you applied for employment since

January 1, 2001, including the date you submitted written applications, the job to which you applied, the

dates you were interviewed, the employers who tendered you job offers, and a description of the offer.

SPECIFIC OBJECTION TO REQUEST: Plaintiff objects because this request does not seek relevant information or that information subject to production under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26, and thus, this request is unduly harassing, burdensome, and oppressive. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

ANSWER: I have applied to A. K. Steel Corporation and the employers listed in my response to Interrogatory No. 2.

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 4:</u> Identify all income received from whatever source, by amount each week after January 1, 2001.

**ANSWER:** Please see my response to Interrogatory No. 2.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: Identify by name, address and telephone number all individuals who have knowledge about or information about the allegations in the Complaint, and state a summary of what you believe their knowledge to be.

ANSWER: Darlene Carter at 908 S. 8th Street, Ironton, Ohio and Darrell Carter at 901 South
7th Street, Ironton, Ohio

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 6:</u> Identify all individuals who you intend to call as witnesses in the litigation of this matter.

SPECIFIC OBJECTION TO REQUEST: Plaintiffs objects because this Interrogatory violates the Court's Order establishing a deadline for Plaintiff to disclose witnesses and testimony. Plaintiff further objects to the extent this interrogatory seeks information protected by the attorney-client privilege or other privilege and/or the work product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing general and specific objections, Plaintiff responds as follows:

ANSWER: Plaintiff will abide by the deadlines established by the Court and the disclosure requirements set by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to disclose the witnesses they will use at trial in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert V. Childs, Jr.

Herman N. Johnson, Jr.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that on May 10, 2007, I served the foregoing via U.S. Mail and electronic mail upon the following:

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PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEI

#### **VERIFICATION**

I, Marnie Carter, hereby state that the answers to the foregoing interrogatories are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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MARNIE D CARTER		4.0-0
	2000	1999
INCOME	2 122	23,722
7. Wages, salaries, tips	2,132 0	23,722
8a Taxable interest income		ő
9. Ordinary dividend income	0	Ö
10. State/local tax refunds	=	0
11 Alimony received	0	
12 Business income (loss)	0	0
13 Capital gain (loss)	0	0
14. Other gains (losses)	O	0
15b Taxable TRA dist	0	0
16b. Taxable pensions	0	0
17. Rents, partnerships, etc	0	0
18. Farm income (loss)	0	0
19. Unemployment comp	2,448	0
19. Unemployment Comp	0	0
20b. Taxable soc.security	0	0
21. Other income	4,580	23,722
22. Total income	-,	•
ADJUSTMENTS		
23. IRA deduction	0	0
24. Student loan interest deduction	0	0
25. Medical Savings deduction	0	0
26. Moving Expense	0	0
27. Self-empl.tax deduct	0	0
27. Self-empl.tax deduct	0	0
28. Self-empl.health ins	. 0	0
29. KEOGHs, SEPs, and SIMPLES	0	0
30. Sav.withdrawal penalty	0	0
31a. Alimony paid	Õ	0
32. Total adjustments	J	
ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME		00 500
33. Line 22 less line 32	4,580	23,722
TAXABLE INCOME		
36. Itemized deductions	_	0
Medical expenses	0	0
Taxes	81	964
Deductible interest	0	0
Contributions	0	0
Casualty	0	0
Miscellaneous deduct	0	0
Total itemized	81	964
36. Standard deduction	6,450	4,300
36. Standard deduction	5,600	2,750
38. Exemptions	0	16,672
39. Taxable income	_	,
TAX COMPUTATION		
Tax from Tax Table (00) Tax Table (99)	0	2,501 0
Additional taxes	0	0
41. Alt.minimum tax	0	•
42. Tax before credits	0	2,501
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CREDITS 43. Foreign tax credit	0	0
44. Child care	0	0
44. Unite care	0	0
45. Elderly or the disabled	0	0
46. Education credits	ő	0
47. Child tax credit	U	J

47. Child tax credit.....

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łame M	ARNIE D CARTER	Social Security Number	
	INCOME and ADJUSTMENTS	Year 2001 Yea	1 2,00 <del>0</del> <u> </u>
7.	Wages, salaries, tips	O	2,13
	Taxable interest income	O	
	Ordinary dividend income	O	
	State/local tax refunds	O	
	Alimony received	0	
		0	
	Business income (loss)	0	<u>.</u>
	Capital gain (loss)	<del></del>	
	Other gains (losses)	0	<del></del>
5b.	Taxable IRA distribution	0	
6b.	Taxable pensions	0	2,38
7.	Rents, partnerships, etc.	00	
	Farm income (loss)	0	
	Unemployment compensation	13,872	2,44
		0	
	Taxable social security benefits	Ŏ	
	Other income	13 070	6,96
	Total income	13,872	0.,.90
3.	IRA deduction	U	
4.	Student loan interest deduction	0	
5-31.	Other adjustments	0	
	Total adjustments		
	Line 22 less Line 32	13,872	(~6,96
	TAXABLE INCOME		
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	emized deductions	٥	
	Medical expenses	- 0	8
	Taxes	<u> </u>	
	Deductible interest	0	
	Contributions	0	
	Casualty	·	
	Miscellaneous deductions	0	
	otal itemized deductions.	0	8
		6,650	6,45
	tandard deduction	5,800	5,60
	kemptions		5,00
9. Ta	axable income	1,422	
	CREDITS		
2. T	ax before credits	212	
14. C	hild care credit.	0	
	ducation credits	0	
	8-49. Other credits	71	
		141	
-	hild tax credit	212	
	otal credits		
	ax after credits	0	
53. S	elf- employment tax	0	
54. S	ocial security tax on tips	O	
	ax on IRA and other plans	0	23
	Other taxes.	O	
		0	23
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	dditional child tax credit	O	
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## 2003 Tax Return Summary

	<b>Federal</b>	Year	over	Year	Compa	arison
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INCOME	Year 2003 a	Xear 2002	Change(\$)	
Wages, salaries, tips	\$6,150	\$4,329	\$1,821	_
Unemployment compensation	\$2,160	\$7,072	(\$4,912)	\$
Total income	\$8,310	\$11,401	(\$3,091)	
ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME				
Total income less total adjustments	\$8,310	\$11,491	(\$3,091)	F
PAYMENTS				
Federal withholding	\$394	\$708	(\$314)	
Earned income credit	\$2,100	<b>\$1,471</b>	\$629	
Total payments	\$2,494	\$2,179	\$315	
REFUND				
Overpayment	\$2,494	\$2,179	\$315 <sub>*</sub>	_
Refund due	\$2,494	\$2,179	\$315 *	
OTHER COMPUTATIONS				
Alternative minimum taxable income	\$8,310	\$11,401	(\$3,091)	
Effective tax bracket	0%	•	,,,,,	
Filing status	Head of Household	Head of Household		



#### 2005 Tax Return Summary

Federal Year over Year Comparison	Year 2005	Year 2004	Change(\$)
Wages, salaries, tips	\$16,519	\$9,361	\$7,158
Unemployment compensation	\$0	\$141	(\$141)
Fotal income	\$16,519	\$9,502	\$7,017
ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME			
Total income less total adjustments	\$16,519	\$9,502	\$7,017
TAXABLE INCOME			<u> </u>
Standard deductions	\$7,300	\$7,150	\$150
Exemptions	\$6,400	\$6,200	\$200
Taxable income	\$2,819	\$0	\$2,819
TAX COMPUTATION			
income tax	\$281	\$0	\$281
Tax before credits	\$281	\$0	\$281
CREDITS			
Child care credit	\$281	\$0	\$281
Total credits	\$281	\$0	\$281
PAYMENTS			
Federal withholding	\$1,340	\$552	\$788
Earned income credit	\$2,318	\$2,604	(\$286)
Additional child tax credit	\$828 \$4.496	\$0 \$3,156	\$828 \$1,330
Total payments	\$4,486	<b>\$</b> 3,150	<b>Φ1,33</b> ₩
REFUND			
Overpayment	\$4,486	\$3,156	\$1,330
Refund due	\$4,486	\$3,156	\$1,330
OTHER COMPUTATIONS			
Alternative minimum taxable income	\$16,519	\$9,502	\$7,017
Marginal tax bracket	10%		
Filing status	Head of Household	Head of Household	

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